

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION III

841 Chestnut Building Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107-4431

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

FEB _ 4 1994

James D. Beach Vice President, Operations Support Hercules Incorporated Hercules Plaza Wilmington, DE 19894-0001

Re: Old Salem Tannery Site

Salem, Virginia

Dear Mr. Beach:

Enclosed please find an Administrative Order by Consent for Removal Action ("Order") signed by the Region III Regional Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), and issued pursuant to Sections 106(a) and 122(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606(a) and 9622(a).

The Order directs Respondents, Hercules, Incorporated and Yokohama Tire Corporation, to perform certain activities at the Old Salem Tannery Site located in Salem, Virginia. Please refer to the Order for the specific actions the Respondents are required to undertake and the time frames within which such actions must be taken. Failure to comply with the Order may subject Respondents to stipulated penalties, as set forth in the Order, civil penalties of up to £25,000 per day, and punitive damages in an amount equal to up to three times the costs incurred by EPA as a result of the Respondent's failure to comply with the Order.

If you have any questions, please contact Robert E. Guarni of my staff at (215) 597-6686 or Wayne Walters, Senior Assistant Regional Counsel, at (215) 597-1833.

Sincerely,

Abraham Ferdas, Director

Office of Superfund

Hazardous Waste Management Division

cc: Ms. Amy Cohen, Esq.

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